

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

DRAWINGS

The drawings stand objected to for certain informalities. Applicant has attached revised drawings for the Examiner's approval. In these "Replacement Sheets", minor changes have been made to element labeling.

SPECIFICATION

The specification stands objected to for certain informalities. Applicant has amended the specification according to the Examiner's suggestions. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 3, 7, 9, and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Griffin (U.S. Pat. No. 4,301,881). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner's attention is directed to amended Claims 1 and 7 which have been amended to include that individual valve sets within the system include a slave-operated pressure compensation valve. Applicant notes that Griffin utilizes multiple solenoid driven valves V1 through V6 to regulate the pressure within the system. As

described in the issued patent, the system methodology requires the use of a relatively complicated control regime with multiple variable control valves.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

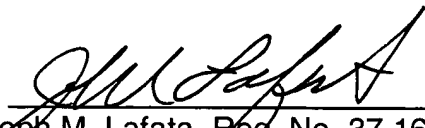
Claims 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 11, and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Griffin either alone or in view of other references. In view of the amendments and arguments made above, these rejections are believed to have been overcome.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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